

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re application of:** Martin Gimmestad, *et al.*

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**Title: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF PSEUDOMONAS FLUOROSCENS AND  
VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND USES  
THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION**

**REMARKS**

**Dear Sir:**

Applicants hereby state that each strain referred to in the claims has been deposited with NCIMB under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, as described in the present application, and will be irrevocably available upon granting of the patent for the above-identified application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at this time. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees and credit of any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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